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Land Revenue Administration

Representations against the enhancement of water-rates in Tiruturaipundi and Mannargudi.

* 338 *Q.*—Mr. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received any representations from the mirasidars of Tiruturaipundi and Mannargudi taluks praying that the enhancement of water-rates owing to the reclassification of irrigation sources be postponed on account of the defective drainage system in the said taluks; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table all the representations received so far and the action taken by the Government?

A.—(*a*) The Government have received several representations on the subject.

(*b*) The Government have exempted irrigation sources from reclassification wherever it was reported that the lands suffered from drainage difficulties. No useful purpose will be served by placing the representations on the table of the House.

Decision of the Government to restrict the operation of the Madras Agriculturists' Loans (Amendment) Act, 1935, to certain districts.

* 339 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to restrict the operation of the Madras Agricultural Loans (Amendment) Act, 1935, to certain districts, in the Presidency of Madras;

(*b*) if so, what the districts selected by the Local Government are for that purpose;

(*c*) what the special reasons are for selecting those districts; and

(*d*) which of the districts in the Presidency are heavily indebted?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government do not propose to restrict the operation of the Agriculturists' Loans (Madras Amendment) Act, 1935, to any particular district. It is proposed as an experimental measure to start the work in two divisions in the Presidency, viz., the Chingleput division of the Chingleput district, and the Rajahmundry division of the East Godavari district. These areas are considered the most suitable for the experimental working of the scheme.